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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 August 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) _____ is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 3-11 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 18 August 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Information Disclosure Statement

The listing of references in the specification is not a proper information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.98(b) requires a list of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office, and MPEP § 609 A(1) states, "the list may not be incorporated into the specification but must be submitted in a separate paper." Therefore, unless the references have been cited by the examiner on form PTO-892, they have not been considered.

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the description of the preferred embodiment indicates that the front edge corresponds to character 15 and the bill corresponds to character 11, which conflict with the characters shown in the drawings.

Appropriate correction is required.

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the applicant discloses that the invention obstructs the view of the user. The statement "with obstructing the user's vision" appears to have typographical errors and should be revised to read without obstructing the user's vision.

Appropriate correction is required.

Drawings

3. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the mirror hinge must

be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

4. The drawings are objected to because figure 3 does not properly show the position of the mirror in the extended position according to the previous drawings. Figures 1 and 2 show the mirror it's in received position flush with the peripheral edge of the bill and the handle member and ends laying flat within the recess. Figure 3 depicts the mirror extended forwardly with no gap along the curved edge of the bill, suggesting that the two pieces would fit continuously. Moreover, the handle member and ends are

shown in figure 3 to be positioned at a 90-degree angle from the body of the mirror. There is feature is not disclosed in specification. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

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6. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weeks (5,669,075) in view of Dudley, Jr. (5,884,337). Weeks shows all of the claimed invention except for the particular application of a mirror being hingedly attached to the bill of the cap. Dudley, Jr. discloses a mirror hingedly attached to the bill of a cap (Column 1, lines 35-36 and 41-42). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Weeks by securing a mirror to the bill of a hat with a hinge as taught by Dudley, Jr. in order to access and view without having to remove the hat (column 1, line 26).

7. Claim 2 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weeks and Dudley, Jr. as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Spangrud (5,815,841). The modified device of Weeks discloses all of the claimed invention except for a recessed portion on the top side. Spangrud teaches a hat comprising a recess in the top side of the bill. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Weeks and Dudley, Jr. by incorporating a recess into the top side of the bill as taught by Spangrud in order to removably receive an object.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 3 - 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Park (6,446,266) discloses an elastic tab being attached to a back side and bottom edge of head cover member to adjust the size of the head cover.

Yun (5,125,113) shows a support strip composed of elastic material attached to the top edge of shroud. The device also discloses the head cover attaching portion being disposed generally 90 degrees relative to bill attaching portions to attach the support strip to the head cover and the bill.

Halvorson (213,415) discloses a vertical support strip extending from the top edge to bottom edge in an intermediate position of a shroud.

Gill (5,924,129) shows a mesh material being used as a shroud.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richale L. Haney whose telephone number is 571-272-8689. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 - 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John J. Calvert can be reached on 571 -272-4983. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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